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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9737

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMG, GW, VS

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854

1. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER  
APRIL 29 TO REQUEST FRG SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THE  
VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. MAKING THE VARIOUS POINTS IN  
REFTEL, HE STRESSED THE MAGNITUDE AND URGENCY OF THE  
PROBLEM AND NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO  
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TAKE MOST OF THE REFUGEES, BUT WAS ALSO ASKING ALLIES AND

FRIENDLY NATIONS TO ASSIST BY ACCEPTING AS MANY REFUGEES AS THEIR CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT.

2. GENSCHER'S REACTION WAS THOROUGHLY POSITIVE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PRESENT THE MATTER AT THE REGULAR WEDNESDAY CABINET MEETING ON APRIL 30, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE CHANCELLOR ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 29.

3. GENSCHER INQUIRED ABOUT THE MOTIVATION UNDERLYING OUR REQUEST; WERE WE INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN A SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY, OR DID THE ACCEPTANCE AND RESETTLEMENT OF THIS NUMBER OF REFUGEES PRESENT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES? THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THERE CERTAINLY WAS A SYMBOLIC ASPECT TO THE MATTER--SOLIDARITY AMONG ALLIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS WAS IMPORTANT--BUT THAT THE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES AND THE SUDDENNESS OF THEIR DISPLACEMENT ALSO PRESENTED REAL PROBLEMS WHICH WE HOPED OUR FRIENDS WOULD HELP US TO DEAL WITH. GENSCHER REVEALED THE THOUGHT UNDERLYING HIS QUESTION WHEN HE SAID THAT HE FELT A PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY BE PRESENTED TO THE FRG CABINET BY STRESSING THAT IT WAS AN ACT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE U.S. THE NUMBERS, AFTER ALL, DID NOT SEEM SO IMMENSE TO THE FRG, WHICH WAS A SMALL COUNTRY AND HAD STILL DEALT WITH MONUMENTAL REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE LAST WAR. GENSCHER NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE FRG WAS STILL TRYING TO OBTAIN THE RESETTLEMENT OF UP TO 280 THOUSAND ETHNIC GERMANS FROM POLAND.

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